



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Paul L. Rodriguez  
  
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Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Machining Method and Machining Apparatus

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 21, 2005 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.